Targets set for NMEP

4827. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the National Malaria Eradication Programme during the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the targets were achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not achieving the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP), the States are expected to screen 10% of population for malaria annually through active and passive surveillance of fever cases by examining blood slides to achieve Annual Blood Examination Rate (ABER) of 10 with an objective of reducing morbidity and mortality due to Malaria by implementing the programme effectively. 12 States and Union Territories have reported ABER less than 10% during the last five years Operational problems due to difficult terrain and vacancies of laboratory technicians and Multipurpose Health Workers for collection of blood slides are some of the reasons for not achieving the targets. Further, some States are low endemic for malaria and proportionately less population is expected to be screened.

Hassle-free services in Government hospitals

4828. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Committee has come down strongly on Government for not taking adequate measures to provide hassle-free services in Government hospitals;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has suggested several measures to rectify the situation;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has called for more effective monitoring and surprise inspections by authorities at the top level; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government have accepted these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development in its 115th Report has made certain recommendations/ observations on the action taken by Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its 31st Report on Functioning of Central Government Hospitals.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated action on the recommendations/ observations of the Parliamentary Committee.

Manufacturers of spurious drugs

4829. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Spurious drugs flood Indian market", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated 19th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the companies found manufacturing spurious drugs particularly life saving drugs;

(c) whether Government propose to notify to the press the names of traders/ manufacturers of spurious drugs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the feedback given by the State Licensing Authorities, out of the 35,570 and 33,760 samples tested during the period 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, 115 & 112 samples respectively were found to be spurious which is approximately 0.33%. 17 cases related to spurious drugs have been reported from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and U.P. in the last two years. 68 persons have been arrested in this regard during the period 2000-2001.

Manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity indulged in by certain unscrupulous persons to copy through imitation certain leader brands of established manufacturers. Hence no specific reports are available